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## Wilson's "Peace" Notes

THE explanation from Secretary Lansing that the peace proposal despatched so hurriedly on Wednesday night by President Wilson was not so much to stop Europe from fighting as to keep the United States from being dragged into the maelstrom seems reasonable. As a peace maker, President Wilson has not been such a shining success along the border as to justify him in obtruding into the big war, even if London, Paris, Petrograd and Tokio had not given him broad hints to keep out. But, as a man who kept us out of war, the President is in a class by himself.

The original statement by the secretary of state appeared to indicate that the final clash with Germany was at hand. The announcement admitted of no other interpretation, because, while there have been diplomatic exchanges between Washington and London over aggravating features of the British blockade, such as the holding up of American mail and the blacklisting of certain American firms, nothing whatever has arisen to justify even a suggestion that there might be a hostile break between the United States and Great Britain, or between the United States and France.

With Germany, on the other hand, the American notes have been at times almost ultimatums, and direct threats have been resorted to. Now, with the renewal of submarine activity, the Belgian deportations, the Syrian atrocities and the general disregard of American desires and American protests, it is well within the scope of probability that the United States may be forced into a position where honorable retreat will be impossible.

At the same time it is improbable that either the Entente or the Central Powers will furnish the statements suggested in the American note. Neither side in Europe is ready to admit defeat; neither side is ready to discuss peace terms on any basis other than an acknowledgement on the part of the other of defeat. Germany has by no means lost hope of being able to hold all that she has, while the Allies are quite as confident that they will clear France and Belgium of the invaders, restore Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania and drive the Turks from Europe. The ideas and the ideals of the belligerents are so wholly divergent that, unless the world is being very much deceived, there is no prospect of peace until millions more have been killed, much more territory devastated, greater treasures spilled into bloodsoaked fields and greater suffering brought to noncombatant populations.

## Railroad Crawl-fishing

IN the matter of the railroad legislation arising out of the threatened strike of the brotherhoods, both that which has already been passed and that which is in prospect, the railroad employees appear to be alarmed. As the day for the testing of the Adamson Act nears and the time for the constitutionality to be determined in the Supreme Court approaches, the brotherhoods appear to grow more and more nervous as to the outcome, appreciating the fact that the decision of the court is almost certain to be against the constitutionality of the law. Gompers has announced that the provisions of this act are to be enforced upon the railroads, "law or no law," but the immediate rebuke that his threat brought down upon him from the nation at large showed him and the other bullying labor leaders that threatening the people at large was a different proposition than threatening the President and he has subsided wonderfully.

A. B. Garretson, president of the railway conductors' brotherhood, is explaining now in the eastern press that the railroad men never asked congress to pass the eight-hour legislation, while William G. Lee, president of the trainmen brotherhood, has announced that the heads of the railroads and the heads of the brotherhood are now working on a scheme to settle the eight-hour question outside of the courts and trying to arrive at a working basis independent of both courts and congress. The employees evidently are afraid of what congress may do next, while the railroads are willing to trade what the President has promised them this session for what the President took away from them last session.

Now comes Representative Adamson, hurt at the ingratitude of the brotherhoods to which the Adamson Act was given and hurt at the ingratitude of the railroads to which the compulsory arbitration legislation has been promised, and announces that if the railroad employees and employers attempt to get together to repeal what has been passed and prevent what has been promised congress with its Democratic majority, will get in and spank them both.

Wilson appears to have woven a tangled web indeed when he truckled to the railroad men.

This is the season to remember that a little cough often ends in a large coffin.

We don't like to say who is to blame, but every time the liner Great Northern ties up in the harbor the rain comes.

The recent decision of the treasury department to tax sake as a wine and not as a brew is in the nature of a surprise. The Supreme Court once decided, unless we are greatly mistaken, that the Japanese beverage was in the nature of beer and that it should be taxed accordingly.

## From the Outer Darkness

HONOLULU has its volunteer anti-vice commission, which launched the present campaign against commercialized vice in this city; its special chamber of commerce committee on the suppression of vice; its committee of members from the Men's League of Central Union Church for the study of vice conditions and methods of suppression, and its special committee of the united Christian churches of Honolulu to support the efforts of the other anti-vice commissions, but so far it has no committee organized to provide the way and the means whereby those unfortunates in the great net of prostitution may be able to extricate themselves and secure a new hold for a better life and a cleaner method of living.

Is there not, in this Christian city, some organization willing to take up the greater burden of the anti-vice campaign, the burden of assisting the fallen women whose means of livelihood, illegal as they are, are being cut off?

The following letter, along with a dozen others of Christmas greeting and expressions of goodwill in honor of the approaching natal day of the Christ of Bethlehem, reached The Advertiser yesterday. It comes as a voice calling from the depths, a human document, eloquent in its protests against the fate of the writer, eloquent in the blind hate against society that blazes out in its denunciations of those back of the anti-vice crusade. Says the voice from the outer darkness; stung to anger through mental anguish:

Editor Advertiser—I am one of those "Scarlet painted women" as you call us. One of the famous 114 brigade. A woman of the red light district.

I am willing to work. Will you give me, or have some of your good missionary friends find me a position? Prove what you say.

If you want to reform us, give us all a decent position, with wages so that a woman can live. The way you people have treated us you will be treated in return some day. I hope that if there is a God he will punish you all ten-fold.

You cast a woman on the city. And never make no move to see if she wants for anything. How is a girl going to make good?

Your judges are as corrupt as the seven winds, blow in as many directions. Why don't these damned would-be reformers buy us a ticket so as we can go away?

We can't get work. So we have to resort to other means. Then you give us six months in jail.

I curse you all. I hope that your daughters and daughters will some day be in the same predicament. You are a dirty minded lot of insignificant, incompetent grafters, and would-be reformers.

I know that you are ashamed to publish this letter. You and your friends do not want to let the public see what a poor down-trodden woman thinks of you.

I hope when your souls are in hell, as they surely will be some day, that I am on the other side to watch you all suffer. It is a waste of breath and paper to say more. I just want to have the satisfaction of telling you what I think. You dirty lot of cowards.

Such as you people are the ones that would live off of a woman's body if you had the opportunity.

AN UNFORTUNATE OF THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT.

HONOLULU, December 21.

The Advertiser offers this to the Christians of Honolulu as something to think over during the Christmas celebration. The Lowly One of the Cross, the anniversary of whose advent upon earth will be observed with pomp and circumstance, in services of thanks and praise and promises in all the churches of the city tomorrow, did not shun the Magdalenes of His time, nor spurn their desires to reform. Are His followers in this city more holy than He, that they cannot extend a helping hand to a fallen sister? Those who today will kneel to offer their thanks that Christ is born, are they all content to know that there are in this city human beings, the victims of men's lust, harried almost to the point of self-destruction, living in the presence of constant terror of arrest and looking forward to a future that holds no gleam of hope, calling for help and hearing no answering voice?

## Chance For Kiawe

IT is a poor day, says an exchange that does not bring a discovery in the way of a dye guaranteed to break the blockade and solve the problem of the American textile industry for all time. The United States Consul-General at Buenos Ayres reports on a new material called algarrobin, obtained from the wood of the carob tree. The material is said to lend itself to a wide variety of uses, both alone and in combination with extracts, such as fustic, hyperic and logwood, and so employed gives a large number of fast colors. It is also suitable as a base for various coal-tar dyes, the advantage therein being that it effects an economy of fifty to ninety per cent of the latter and more expensive products. Altogether, it promises as many wonderful results as any newly developed material that has come into prominence recently. A factory for its manufacture already is in operation in Argentina.

At Washington the officials believe that the Allies will not be so angry over the President's peace move when they understand his note better. Possibly not; neither will the senate. But when are we going to know just what the peace note means? The state department doesn't appear to have a very clear understanding about it itself.

At least one institution has been making so much money than it went broke. This is the Philadelphia mint, where the rush for dimes, nickels and pennies has been so great that the appropriation to carry on the work of coining has been exhausted and the money plant forced to appeal to congress for an emergency appropriation.

## BREVITIES

(From Saturday Advertiser.)  
The annual inspection of the national guard will be held early in the new year, probably about January 15, it was announced yesterday at guard headquarters.

Maria, the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Harbottle, of 594 South Hotel Street, died on Thursday and was buried yesterday in Kawaiahaeo cemetery.

Secretary of the Territory Wade Warren Thayer examined 128 applicants for birth certificates during his trip on Hawaii. He returned on the Great Northern yesterday.

Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce yesterday sent out hundreds of holiday cards to the different chambers of commerce on the mainland and to the leading newspapers of Hawaii. The card is handsomely engraved.

The funeral of the late Mrs. William T. Schmidt, of 2120 Kamehameha Avenue, Manoa, was held yesterday afternoon, Rev. Canon William Ault of St. Andrew's Cathedral, officiating. The interment was in the family plot, Nuuuanu cemetery.

With Brother Robert, the moderator, the Junior Holy Name society, of 1001 Kalia, held a Christmas party, elected officers for the year 1917. Those elected were Henry Lau Tan, '17, president; Widdiford F. Afonso, '18, vice-president; Robert Lam, '17, secretary.

(From Sunday Advertiser.)  
Closing exercises were held by the Makiki Japanese Language School on Friday evening.

The German-American Alliance will hold its annual meeting next Saturday evening, December 30.

The cable schooner Florence Ward is back for Christmas, reaching port this morning shortly before one o'clock.

The chamber of commerce of Honolulu has sent to all island newspapers and merchants handsomely engraved Christmas cards.

The daughter born on Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Kana, of 1035 Moraine Lane, Palama, died shortly after birth. The body was cremated yesterday.

There only remain to be laid now 1500 feet of the new water main in Kakaia Avenue. The laying of the second thousand-foot section has been completed.

The funeral services for the late William Kamekuna will be held at two o'clock this afternoon in Silva's undertaking parlors, the interment to follow in Makiki Cemetery.

The damage suit of Clinton J. Hutchins against the S. S. Great Northern was continued in the federal court yesterday for trial to a future date, which will be agreed on between counsel.

Kubunau, widower, laborer, a native of Hawaii and fifty years old, died yesterday in the Queen's Hospital. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the interment being in Loch View cemetery, Pearl City.

Burel Ashley, an enlisted man, died last Wednesday in the Department Hospital, Fort Shafter. The body will be sent to the mainland in the first outgoing transport, for burial. Ashley was unmarried, a native of Kansas, and twenty-two years old.

Declaration of his intention to become a naturalized citizen of the United States was filed yesterday in the office of George R. Clark, clerk of the federal court, by Karl Wimmer, plumber, residing at the Villa House, born in St. Pölten, Austria, on October 8, 1887.

Two Inter-Island steamers reached port in time to hear the singing of the Christmas celebration on the streets last night. The Claudine, from the Big Island, reached port at eleven thirty five and the W. G. Hall, from Kauai, docked at five minutes before midnight.

Charles R. Forbes, chairman of the public utilities commission, was granted leave of absence yesterday by that body for five weeks, in order that he may go to the Coast for a five weeks' vacation. Succession was taken Friday night by the harbor board, of which also Forbes is chairman.

SALES OF STOCK  
ARE AT LOW EBB

Unlisted Securities Furnish Only Activity

Trading in listed securities was at low ebb yesterday, only 300 shares changing hands. Unlisted securities were active, showing marked firmness in comparison with the last few days. Night changes were made in listed quotations.

Sugar quotations on the New York market fell off a fraction from 5.14 cents for Hawaiian basis to 5.08 cents, \$101.60 a ton.

Brewery continued its tendency to decline yesterday, losing three quarters on small sales at 19.25. Pioneer declined a point; Ewa dropped a quarter.

Hawaiian Commercial and Outfitters gained a quarter each.

Mountain King, yesterday's feature in the unlisted securities, continued its decline, and then in a series of sales jumped upward again. It closed at 25 cents, sold up to 32½, and closed at 21 cents. Mineral Products also developed strength after dropping off Friday.

Sales were: Mountain King, 18,450 at 25 cents, 1500 at 32½ cents, 70 at 31 cents; Mineral Products, 1450 at 1.02½, 400 at 1.05; Engels Copper, 460 at 4.25, 1200 at 4.30, 1200 at 4.45; Honolulu Oil, 3250 at 4.00; Montana Bingham, 6500 at 40 cents, 100 at 39 cents.

Bid and Asked prices were: Honolulu Oil, 4.00-4.05; Engels Copper, 4.45-4.50; Mineral Products, 1.00-1.12; Mountain King, 31½-32 cents; Montana Bingham, 39-40 cents.

## PERSONALS

(From Friday Advertiser.)  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silva Gremett, of 446 Kuakini Street, welcomed at their home last Saturday the arrival of a daughter, who has been named Vera.

Allen C. Wilcox and Bert Hushaw left last night for Kauai, where they will spend the Christmas and New Year holidays. They expect to do some game hunting while in the Garden Island.

Louis Gaspar, a senior at St. Louis College, is returning to his home in Kuu, to spend his Christmas vacation, in the Mauna Loa. Gaspar is the star goal keeper of the St. Louis College soccer eleven.

Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board of health; Dr. L. L. Patterson, head of the anti-tuberculosis bureau, and Prof. M. Benjamin Bairos of the pure food division, returned in the Claudine yesterday morning from an official trip to Maui.

(From Saturday Advertiser.)  
With Rev. Father Reginald Yzen-dorn, of the Catholic Cathedral, officiating, David Kahalehili and Mrs. Maria o ka Malu Kawa Makanaui were married on Thursday, the witnesses being Larkin Kamau and Anna Kalama.

Riki Yasowawa and Mrs. Koga Tokye, well known in local Japanese circles, were married yesterday by Rev. Samuel K. Kamao, assistant pastor of Kaumakapili Church, Palama. The witnesses were K. Ichikawa and Mrs. T. Shibata.

Oswald A. Steven, former Hilo and Honolulu business man, auctioneer, real estate agent and labor recruiter, and Mrs. Maud C. Norton, of Hollywood, Los Angeles, reputed a wealthy widow, were married on December 7 in San Francisco, where they will make their home.

(From Sunday Advertiser.)  
R. H. Worrall returned from Maui yesterday.

A daughter, Ruth Elsie, was born on December 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Henry (Arens) of 1082B Kinau Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silva, of Sing Lay Lane, Moiliili, became the parents of a son, who has been called Carl, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David P. Fuller, of Queen Street Extension, Kalihi, welcomed the arrival of a son at their home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney K. Burgess, of Bainbridge Road, Kalihi, welcomed at their home on Friday the arrival of a son, who has been christened Rodney.

Captain J. W. Wickwire, one of the leading business men of Akron, New York, will be among the visitors to Honolulu this winter according to advices received by friends. This is Captain Wickwire's second trip to the Islands.

With Rev. Leland H. Tracy, vicar of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Makiki, officiating, Herbert Vivian Turner and Miss Anna Johanna Louise Bethe were married on Friday, the witnesses being Ralph E. Turner Jr., Miss Lena Bethe and Mrs. H. Bethe.

M. Lyons, of the La Salle Extension University of Chicago, is again a visitor in Hawaii, accompanied by Mrs. Lyons. They are guests at the Alexander Young Hotel. The La Salle Extension University numbers thirty-two students from Hawaii in its several departments.

STORMS DEFEATED  
BIG KINKASAN MARU

Twenty-three Days Between San Francisco and Honolulu—Tried Great Circle

Illustrating a practical reason why Honolulu is without a rival as a trans-pacific bunkering port, the big Japanese freighter Kinkasan Maru, Captain H. Koizumi, arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning in the extraordinary long time of twenty-three days.

The big vessel, which called in here several months ago en route from the Orient to the Coast, left San Francisco with the intention of making Japan by the Great Circle route to the north, the customary direct route for steamers from the Coast to Japan, and in actual miles shorter than the route via Hawaii.

According to Captain Koizumi yesterday, his vessel made only six hundred miles westward on this route, and after bucking tremendous gales, which submerged even his big craft to the superstructure, he was compelled to turn south. Not only was this a necessity in navigation, in face of the weather he was experiencing, but he ran out of coal, which was his reason for putting into Honolulu.

Captain Koizumi had no fault to find with San Francisco coal. The only objection to it was that the ship's bunkers were full of it was not sufficient to carry the Kinkasan over the direct route from San Francisco.

Had he taken the southerly route, via the Islands, he would have been in Yokohama at present, at his usual rate of travel, and would not have had the expense of re-bunkering or of extra port charges. He has still, however, at least seventeen days' sailing.

The Kinkasan's experience is a practical illustration of the advantage of Honolulu over Coast ports as a bunkering station for vessels coming from the east coast of the United States or from the west coast of South America, and realization of the fact is adding scores of ships to those making this route to the Orient a custom.

The Kinkasan, after taking on bunkers at Pier 16, left for Yokohama at five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

## A GERM DESTROYER

There is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poisoning resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

## NEW MATSON LINER

LEAVES WAYS AT  
UNION IRON WORKS

Ceremonies Attend Launching of  
Maui To Succeed Matsonia  
As Flagship

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 23.—The latest great vessel of the Matson Navigation Company, the liner Maui, was launched today with entire success at the yards of the Union Iron Works. Capt. William Matson, head of the company, and many others of its officials and stockholders witnessed the launching ceremonies. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tenney of Honolulu. Mrs. Matson was sponsor for the vessel as the handsome craft slid into the water.

The Maui's length over all is the same as the Matsonia, 501 feet. Her length between perpendiculars is 484 feet, beam molded 58 feet, depth molded to shelter deck 44 feet 9 inches, and displacement to 30-foot draft 17,430 long tons. The Maui is to be rigged as a three masted schooner, with steel pole masts and a complete equipment of heavy cargo booms, suitable for handling weights up to 50 tons.

While every comfort for passenger travel has been installed, these accommodations are made to combine with the best arrangement for handling freight. The vessel's fuel oil capacity gives her a steaming radius of 24,000 knots at 13 knots speed loaded.

For carrying molasses, the Maui has a deep tank up to the height of the lower deck. The tank will enable any other liquid bulk cargo to be transported. For bananas, the upper 'tween decks forward have been specially fitted and ventilated.

The Maui's propelling machinery consists of twin sets of cross compound Westinghouse Parsons geared turbines of the single reduction type of 3000 horse power to each unit. The propellers are of the built-up type, each having three manganese bronze blades and cast iron hub and will turn up to 120 revolutions under full power. The Maui's twin screws will afford additional security to the vessel in case one propeller should be put out of commission by an accident.

Powerful wireless installation is being put in, also submarine fog signal equipment. Lifeboat accommodation is provided for all on board by means of nine metallic double-ended boats and one power lifeboat for towing the balance, all stowed under Weint patent davits.

All told, the Maui has 100 first class staterooms, of which sixty-four are three-berth rooms, twenty-four two-berth and twelve single-berth, making a total of 252 as a full first-class list, against 220 capacity on the Matsonia.

The public rooms, consisting of dining saloon, social hall, smoking room, writing room and ladies' room, are to be heated by steam and all staterooms are to be fitted with electric connections for portable electric heaters, a large supply of which have been ordered for passengers' use.

The Maui has been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser of the second class under the postal subsidy act of March 3, 1891, and has foundations for four 6-inch guns, two forward and two aft.

SKATING RINK AS  
A BIG DANCE HALL

Plans for the establishment of a popular dance pavilion in Honolulu, mainly for the amusement of the soldiers, were announced yesterday by W. A. Stone, who recently arrived here from Portland. Mr. Stone, who represents the Reliable Film Service, recently announced plans of establishing a new theater here.

The old skating rink on Fort Street has been secured by Mr. Stone and after some alteration will be opened at an early date, probably on January 1, as a popular price dance hall. Admission will be ten cents and tickets for each dance will be sold at five cents each.

Seats on the main floor and balcony seats will be provided. An orchestra will be imported from the coast. Non-alcoholic beverages and light refreshments will be sold.

The new dance hall will be called the Hippodrome.

Mr. Stone said yesterday that he will personally supervise the pavilion and will guarantee its respectability.

DRANK GALLON OF SAKE  
AT A TIME, DID HONTANI

Every time Kahei Hontani drank a gallon of sake he handled his wife without gloves. His favorite pastime, after he had transferred the contents of the brew from the gallon jug into his interior, the wife told Judge Coke yesterday, was to drag her about the house by the hair. Mrs. Hontani seriously objected to this procedure. She told him that it hurt her when he over he felt good. It gave him exercise and helped the brew work itself out. For all these reasons Judge Coke yesterday granted Mrs. Kiwa Hontani a divorce from Kahei Hontani, the decree to take effect from and after Tuesday coming.

Samuel Kaubane, chairman and executive officer of the board of supervisors of the County of Hawaii, returned in the Mauna Kea yesterday to his home in Hilo. Mr. Kaubane attended the meeting of the school estimates board while in the city the past week.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

HAD PREMATURE  
AIRING LAST NIGHT

Crowd With Confetti and Noise  
Machines Had Fun In the  
Usual Showers

STORES CROWDED TO  
VERY LAST MOMENT

Music, Laughter and Joy All Un-  
confined Kept Up Un-  
til Midnight

(From Sunday Advertiser.)  
Last night wasn't actually Christmas eve; that comes tonight. But it was celebrated as such unofficially by the people of the city. The usual Christmas eve stunts were pulled off; the downtown streets looked like Christmas eve; it rained, as it usually does on Christmas eve.

Honolulu's narrow sidewalks were crowded to overflowing into the narrow streets. The "bloody angle" on Hotel street, otherwise known as the "jog," swept the passing throngs into an eddy as it always does when the population of the city turns out and comes "downtown" to celebrate. The Usual Racket.

Withal, it was a good-natured crowd that wandered aimlessly up and down the streets. Hotel Street, so frequently nowadays agitated by fights and rowdy house performances, resembled a carnival street. Youths tried to make a noise with rattles and other instruments of torture and succeeded only in making a racket. A few of the feeble-minded bought the foolish "ticklers" that optimistic soap-box vendors offered for sale, but for the most part the crowd disdained such childish and insubstantial weapons.

Confetti flew freely, and tasted as of yore. Serpentine standing on street corners and evoked shrill screams and feminine exclamations. Drunks Out of Sight.

The saloons appeared to be doing a rushing business, but "drunks" were scarcer than on ordinary nights. Perhaps the reason was that there were so many customers that before one could be waited on a second time the effects of the first libation had had time to die away.

Most of the stores kept open, to accommodate those unfortunates who neglected to "do their Christmas shopping early," or who had prematurely received presents from persons to whom they had originally intended to give none, and who therefore had to make hasty last-minute purchases.

Young Orient Joyous

The most enthusiastic celebrators appeared to be the young Chinese and Japanese. Nearly every one of them had a "tickler" or a tin squeak machine. They emitted shrill yelps of Christmas joy and tossed confetti into the girls' faces. They were regular "devils."

Some of the Japanese girls caught the spirit of the occasion and started out to celebrate Christmas eve. Each of them armed herself with a bag of confetti and laid for a chosen victim. When she found him she dashed the stuff into his face and ran away, laughing prodigiously.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

IS SPREAD BEFORE  
SAILORS IN PORT

The Christmas cheer spread annually before all sailors in port by the Missions to Seamen last night graced the table and halls of the local branch of this worldwide association. The spacious building at the corner of Alakea and Halekuanua Streets was decked out in its gayest last night. The Christmas turkey and all his trimmings was arrayed in holiday grandeur within.

Over a hundred officers and men representing all the ships in port, of all nationalities, sat down to the board last night at the mission to partake of the dinner prepared by a committee under the direction of Mrs. Reach and Mrs. Charles F. Mant. The entire catering had been done by the ladies of the Harbor Lights Guild, who again, under the direction of Mrs. J. Pascoe, prepared the program of entertainment and under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Crockett decorated the building. This little society, with its less than twenty members, celebrating its first Christmas in its service last night and performed wonders in doing it.

After the dinner was over the time honored services about the Christmas tree were held, presided over by Superintendent Charles F. Mant. There was on the tree a present for every guest, and these were distributed by the ladies under the superintendent's direction.

The balance of the evening was spent in listening to an interesting program, largely contributed to by the men themselves, which was above the average and frequently and loudly applauded.